OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING

September 15, 2010
Newington Town Hall
6:30 P.M.

I.   Roll Call

The following members were present: Chairman Bowen, Ms.Wojtowicz, Mrs. Conway, Mr. Bottalico, Mrs. Anest, Mr. Block and Mr. Marcinczyk.

II.   Minutes

Mrs. Conway moved that the meeting minutes for August 19, 2010 be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Marcinczyk and approved.

III.   Public Participation

(None)

IV.   New Business – Subcommittee Reports

(A) Land Trust Organization – No Report
(B) Grants and Funding Sources – No Report
(C) Townwide Open Space Inventory – Ed Meehan summarized the process of creating the open space inventory report that was discussed at the Committee's August 19th meeting. As a follow up to this report, Thad Dymkowski, the IT Department's GIS Specialist, prepared a computer presentation showing the multiple layers of spatial mapping that is available to analyze the remaining vacant properties in Newington.

Mr. Dymkowski demonstrated how the Town's GIS software databases for environmental features such as slopes, flood plain and wetlands can be used to identify vacant properties with high open space value for resource protection.

The consensus of the Committee was to set up a working group comprised of Chairman Bowen, Mrs. Conway, Ms. Wojtowicz, Mr. Pappa and Mr. Block review the Townwide Open Space inventory report and identify potential priority properties for protection.

V.   Old Business

(A) Town Attorney's response on Committee executive sessions - e-mail dated September 6, 2010 was copied and given to Committee members (see attached).

(B) <u>Balf – Town Committee Meeting, October 18, 2010</u> - Mrs. Conway will attend and report back to Open Space Committee.

(C) <u>Cedar Crest Hospital Open Space</u> - Chairman Bowen will contact State Representative Nafis for update on status of protecting ridgeline.

VI. **<u>Public Participation</u>**

(None)

VII. **<u>Adjournment</u>**

Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan
Town Planner

Town Clerk
Town Website